**GATTACA Worksheet**

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**Background:**

1. Title of the movie—GATTACA
2. Vincent Anton Freeman: Vincent = “to conquer”

**3.** Jerome Eugene Morrow: Jerome literally means “sacred and powerful”; it could also

mean Genome (genetic material). Eugene literally means ‘well born’ and stems from the word Eugenics, which is the science of improving the hereditary qualities of a race or breed. Morrow comes from ‘tomorrow’ meaning the future.

**4.** “Degenerate” means having lost the physical, mental, or moral qualities considered normal and desirable. “In-valid” means useless.

**5.** “Hoovers” or “J. Edgars” = vacuum cleaning brand and also J. Edgar Hoover, director of FBI.

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MOVIE**

1. List FIVE ways that the society portrayed in the movie routinely ‘reads’ a person’s genetic profile.
   1. .
   2. .
   3. .
   4. .
2. List THREE things Vincent did to look like Jerome Morrow.
   1. .
   2. .
3. Describe Vincent’s interview at GATTACA.

**4.** Discuss at least THREE preparations Vincent had to do everyday to pass as Jerome Morrow at

GATTACA.

1. .
2. .
3. ..
4. When Jerome (Vincent) and Irene go to a concert, what is unusual about the piano player?
5. Who does the detective leading the murder investigation turn out to be?
6. Why is Lamar’s son was a “big fan” of Vincent? (Hint: Lamar is the doctor who does the urine tests at GATTACA)?
7. Even though Jerome is genetically perfect, list THREE of his imperfections.

a..

b.

c.

**9.** By reading their DNA, Vincent is predicted to live 30.2 years and Jerome “will practically live

forever”. Why is this ironic? What is the moral of this irony?

**PICK ONE QUOTE AND EXPLAIN IT IN A PARAGRAPH- Answer in complete sentences at bottom or on back.**

**1.** “They used to say that a child conceived in love has a greater chance of happiness”

**2.** “This child is you, simply the best of you. You could conceive a hundred times and never achieve the same result.”

**3.** “Jerome Morrow was never meant to be one step down on the podium.”

“Jerome had been engineered with everything right except for the desire to do so.”